

## Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, October 3, 1842, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Hermitage, October 3, 1842.

My dear Mr. Blair, In my last, I informed you that your dear children had left us. Sarah and Mrs. Adams with my son accompanied them to Nashville. Our Ladies dined with them at Judge Catrons on thursday last, on which night they were to leave Nashville. I have not since heard from them—they were anxious to get back to you and I hope will join you soon in improved health, which may god grant.

I have not heard whether my letter inclosing to you Dr. William E. Butlers letter has safely reached you. This will pin falshood upon judge Martins history where he has stated I sent a detachment of 100 men to take judge Hall. I have no doubt from the date of the Book 1827, that Clay made Martin one of his charlies, and that it was written to blacken my character and to promote Clays then pending election for the Presidency, for you may recollect, Clay expected to carry Louisiana which if he had, it would have brought him, instead of Mr. Crawford, into the House of Representatives 1—he failed and was excluded. I am waiting for Mr. Breedloves promised Certificate of Mr. Conrads Eulogising me in his public addresses for my energetic defence of New-orleans. Should I not receive it soon, I will for[ward] Mr. Breedloves letters which will put you in possession, of the character of the Historian judge Martin, and Mr. Conrads political history.

1 This statement applies to the election of 1824, not to that of 1828, which was pending when Martin's History of Louisiana was published.

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I inclose you a communication of Genl. R. K. Call, which may be of service to Mr. Kendall in writing my Byography. I send it to him thro you, that you may read, note its contents, and hand it to Mr. Kendall. 0196 172 I wish my friend Doctor Linn, to be apprised of its contents, and Doctor Gwin and Mr. Ingersol, as I think Call statement will add to the evidence of the real necessity of declaring Martial law and judge Halls aproval; I have a great desire that the present Congress should be brought to a vote upon that bill—if Congress reject it, it will add to the democratic strength in the south and west the next election. If rejected by this Congress, the next will as certainly pass it, as I believe. . . .

P.S. Miss Emuckfau is still here. She will be carefully taken care of untill an oportunity offers of safe convayence. She improves daily, and I trust when she arrives to be 3 years old, next May, she will be the promise of good size—if not I will, if I live, rear one for you that will. I have one yearling filly of good size, but her sire I cannot recommend. . . .